Surrealistic mathematician plays games

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The controversy over Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church will heat up in Boston in the next few days, when Moon opens his seventh International Conference on the Unity of Science at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

About 450 scientists, scholars, and theologians from more than 50 countries will attend the conference from Thursday through Sunday (Nov. 23-26). The theme of the gathering will be "The Reevaluation of Existing Values and the Search for Absolute Values."

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